

CLAIMS

1. A method, in a computer system, of transferring information from a drawing device, which is adapted to
5 detect positions on a base by means of a position-coding pattern, which constitutes part of an abstract position-coding pattern, to an application in the computer system, characterized by

a) storing (403) in a memory in the computer system
10 position data coming from the drawing device;

b) determining (405), based on the position of position data in the abstract position-coding pattern, which applications in the computer system are registered to utilize received data; and

15 c) transferring (407) said position data from the memory to said applications.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decision in step b) occurs on the basis of particulars in a register, comprising information about which applications
20 utilize different parts of the position-coding pattern.

3. A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the decision in step b) occurs on the basis of the page identity of incoming data in the abstract position-coding pattern.

4. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decision in step b) occurs on the basis of particulars in a
25 page-describing file.

5. A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the page-describing file corresponds to the position of incoming position data in the abstract position-coding pattern and
30 comprises particulars about associated services, and wherein the decision also occurs on the basis of particulars in a register, containing information about which applications are associated with different services.

6. A method as claimed in any one of the preceding
35 claims, wherein in step b), if an application has been found to be registered to utilize received data, the ap-

plication is informed about the existence of new data in the memory.

7. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein in step c) the application fetches position data from the memory.

5 8. A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein data is fetched on the basis of the contents of a page-describing file which contains information about the structure of the base relative to the received data.

9. A computer program for transferring, in a computer system, information from a drawing device, which is adapted to detect positions in a position-coding pattern, to an application in the computer system, c h a r a c -
t e r i z e d in that the program contains instructions corresponding to the steps of

15 a) storing in a memory in the computer system position data coming from the drawing device;

 b) determining, based on the position of position data in the position-coding pattern, which applications in the computer system are registered to utilize received
20 data; and

 c) transferring said position data from the memory to said applications.

10. A digital storage medium comprising a computer program as claimed in claim 9.

25 11. A method of registering an application in a computer system, the application being adapted to receive, in the computer system, position data which is generated when a drawing device is passed over part of an abstract position-coding pattern, which part is printed on a base,
30 c h a r a c t e r i z e d by registering the application as associated with at least one service, part of the abstract position-coding pattern being registered in the computer system as associated with the service.

 12. A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the application is registered as associated with a basic service
35 and with an additional service, the additional ser-

vice at least comprising all the functionality of the basic service.

13. A computer program for registering an application in a computer system, the application being adapted
5 to receive in the computer system position data which is generated when a drawing device is passed over part of an abstract position-coding pattern, which part is printed
on a base, c h a r a c t e r i z e d by instructions corresponding to the step of registering the application
10 as associated with at least one service, part of the abstract position-coding pattern being registered in the computer system as associated with the service.

14. A digital storage medium comprising a computer program as claimed in claim 13.

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